DOUBLEDUCK
CODICE OLIMPO
TERZO EPISODIO
THE AGENCY AND THE ENGLISH SECRET SERVICES ARE FOLLOWING IN LONDON THE TRAIL OF THE OLYMPUS CODE, A MYSTERIOUS DEVICE STOLEN BY GIZMO. THE CASE ALSO INVOLVES THE OLYMPIC TEAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELGRAVIA AND WHEN THE ORGANIZATION MEETS UP WITH ONE OF THE ATHLETES, IT'S TIME FOR DOUBLEDUCK AND KAY K TO GO INTO ACTION. BUT THE CHASE CONCLUDES DRAMATICALLY AS DOUBLEDUCK AND THE SPORTSMAN FALL INTO THE THAMES, NEVER TO REEMERGE...
I'M REALLY SORRY, JAY J! THE RIVER POLICE AND THE DIVERS DISRUPTED THE SEARCH THIS MORNING...
WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE!
I HAVE NO DOUBTS, TOWER... BUT THIS DOESN'T CONSOLE ME EVEN A BIT!
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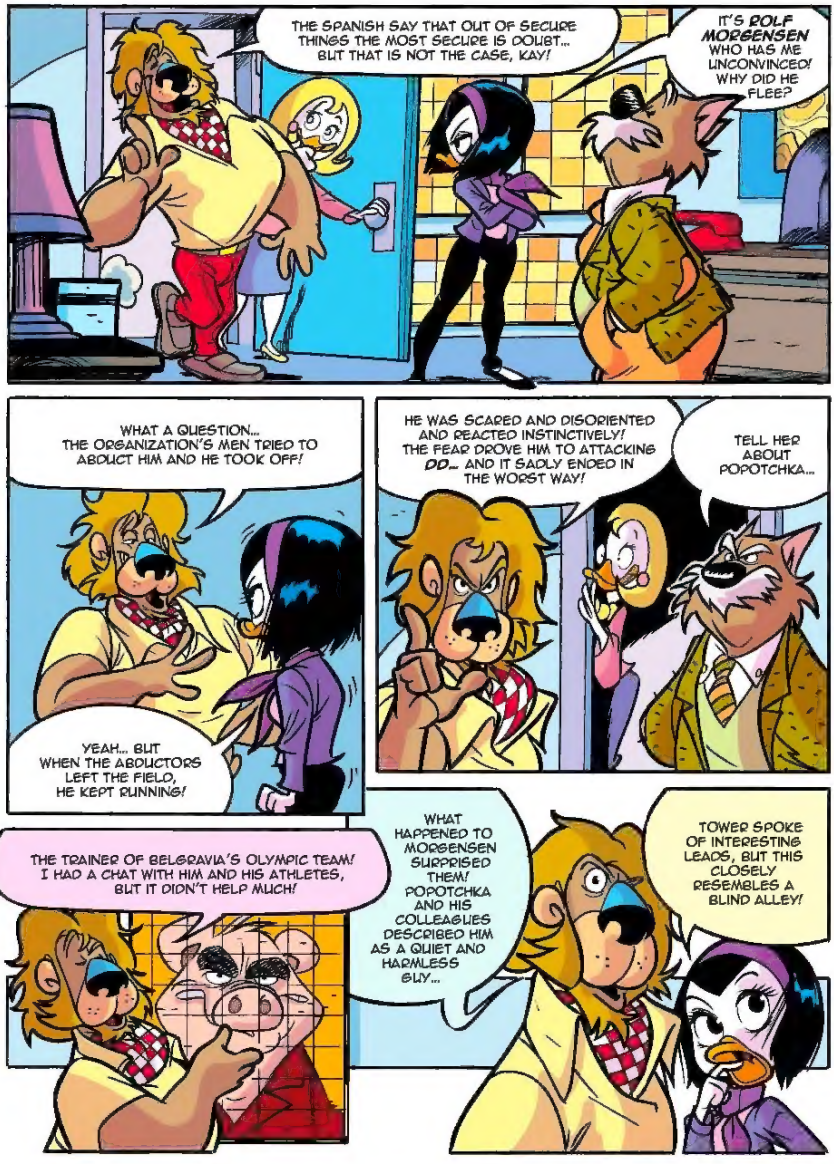
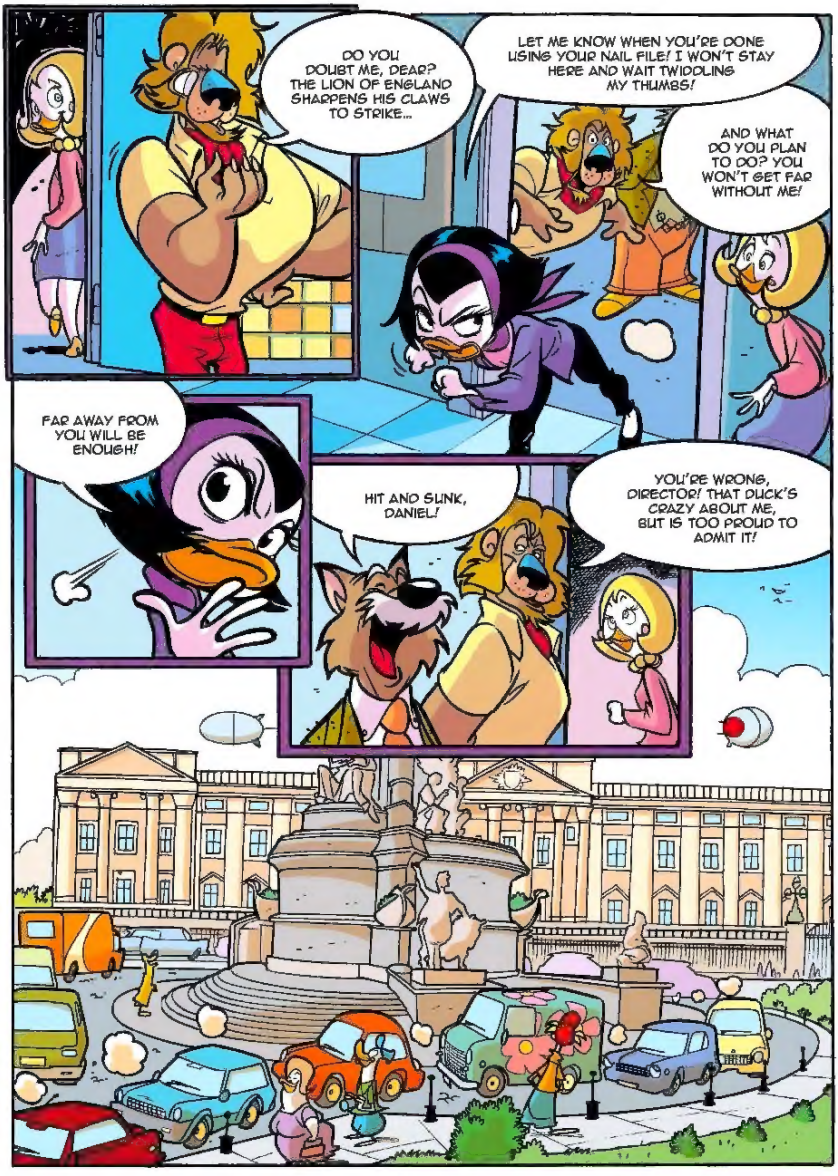
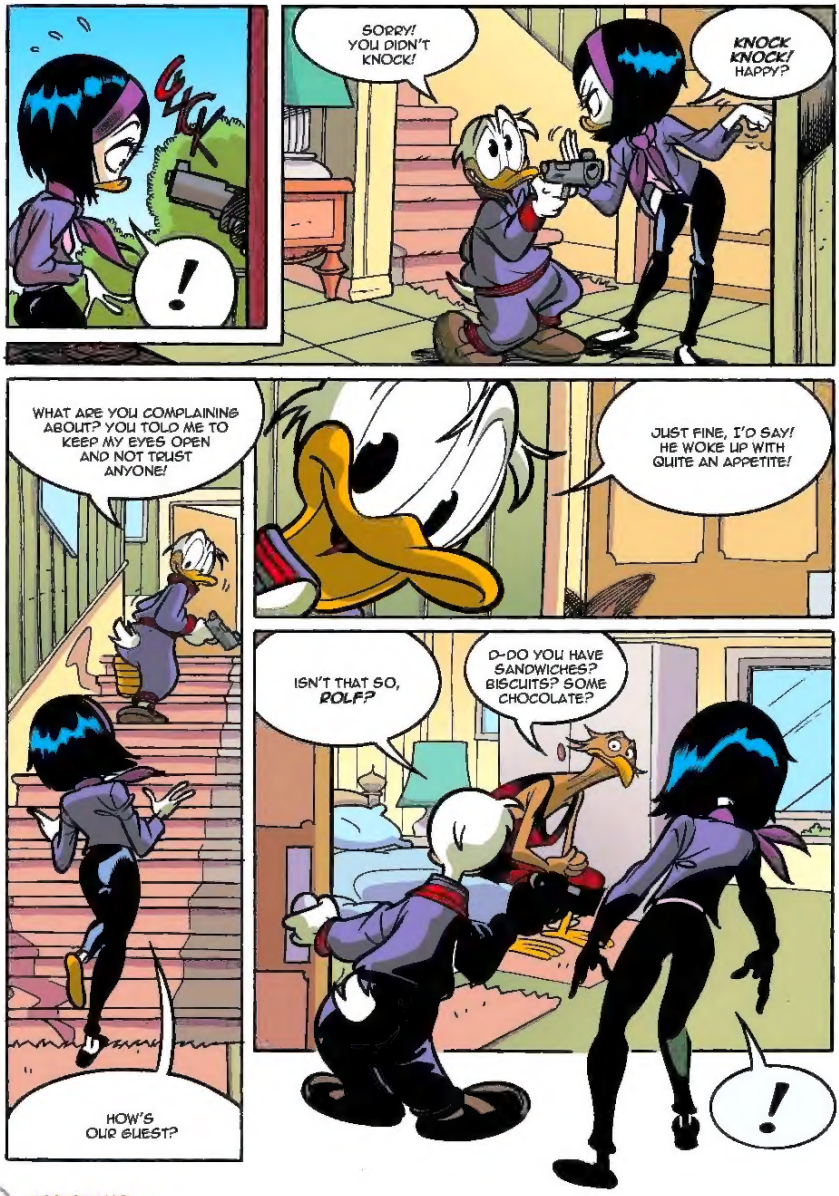
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED A NEW PARTNER, KAY... BUT NO ONE WILL CRITICIZE YOU IF YOU WISH TO RETURN TO DUCKBURG!
THE MISSION GOES ON FOR ME, SIR...
... AND I'D PREFER CONTINUING IT ALONE! I'M SURE DOUBLEDUCK WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME IN MY PLACE!
THANK YOU, KAY!
KEEP ME INFORMED ON EVERY DEVELOPMENT! ALTHOUGH IT SHOULDN'T BE, THIS IS NOW A PERSONAL MATTER!
IT WILL BE DONE, OLD CHAP! THE ORGANIZATION HAS MORE TO PAY FOR THAN EVER!
MISS PENNYMOON? SEND IN SINCLAIR!
RIGHT AWAY, DIRECTOR!
DANIEL IS FOLLOWING SOME INTERESTING LEADS! AND WHEN MY BEST AGENT IS ON THE HUNT, HIS PREY HAS NO CHANCE!
ARE YOU SURE THE ORGANIZATION IS THE RIGHT PREY?


THE SPANISH SAY THAT OUT OF SECURE THINGS THE MOST SECURE IS DOUBT... BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE, KAY!
IT'S ROLF MORGENSEN WHO HAS ME UNCONVINCED! WHY DID HE FLEE?
WHAT A QUESTION... THE ORGANIZATION'S MEN TRIED TO ABDUCT HIM AND HE TOOK OFF!
YEAH... BUT WHEN THE ABDUCTORS LEFT THE FIELD, HE KEPT RUNNING!
HE WAS SCARED AND DISORIENTED AND REACTED INSTINCTIVELY! THE FEAR DROVE HIM TO ATTACKING DD... AND IT SADLY ENDED IN THE WORST WAY!
TELL HER ABOUT POPOTCHKA...
THE TRAINER OF BELGRAVIA'S OLYMPIC TEAM! I HAD A CHAT WITH HIM AND HIS ATHLETES, BUT IT DIDN'T HELP MUCH!
WHAT HAPPENED TO MORGENSEN SURPRISED THEM! POPOTCHKA AND HIS COLLEAGUES DESCRIBED HIM AS A QUIET AND HARMLESS GUY...
TOWER SPOKE OF INTERESTING LEADS, BUT THIS CLOSELY RESEMBLES A BLIND ALLEY!


DO YOU DOUBT ME, DEAR? THE LION OF ENGLAND SHARPENS HIS CLAWS TO STRIKE...
LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE USING YOUR NAIL FILE! I WON'T STAY HERE AND WAIT TWIDDLING MY THUMBS!
AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO? YOU WON'T GET FAR WITHOUT ME!
FAR AWAY FROM YOU WILL BE ENOUGH!
HIT AND SUNK, DANIEL!
YOU'RE WRONG, DIRECTOR! THAT DUCK'S CRAZY ABOUT ME, BUT IS TOO PROUD TO ADMIT IT!

CLAK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SORRY! YOU DIDN'T KNOCK!
KNOCK KNOCK! HAPPY?
WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT? YOU TOLD ME TO KEEP MY EYES OPEN AND NOT TRUST ANYONE!
JUST FINE, I'D SAY! HE WOKE UP WITH QUITE AN APPETITE!
ISN'T THAT SO, ROLF?
D-DO YOU HAVE SANDWICHES? BISCUITS? SOME CHOCOLATE?
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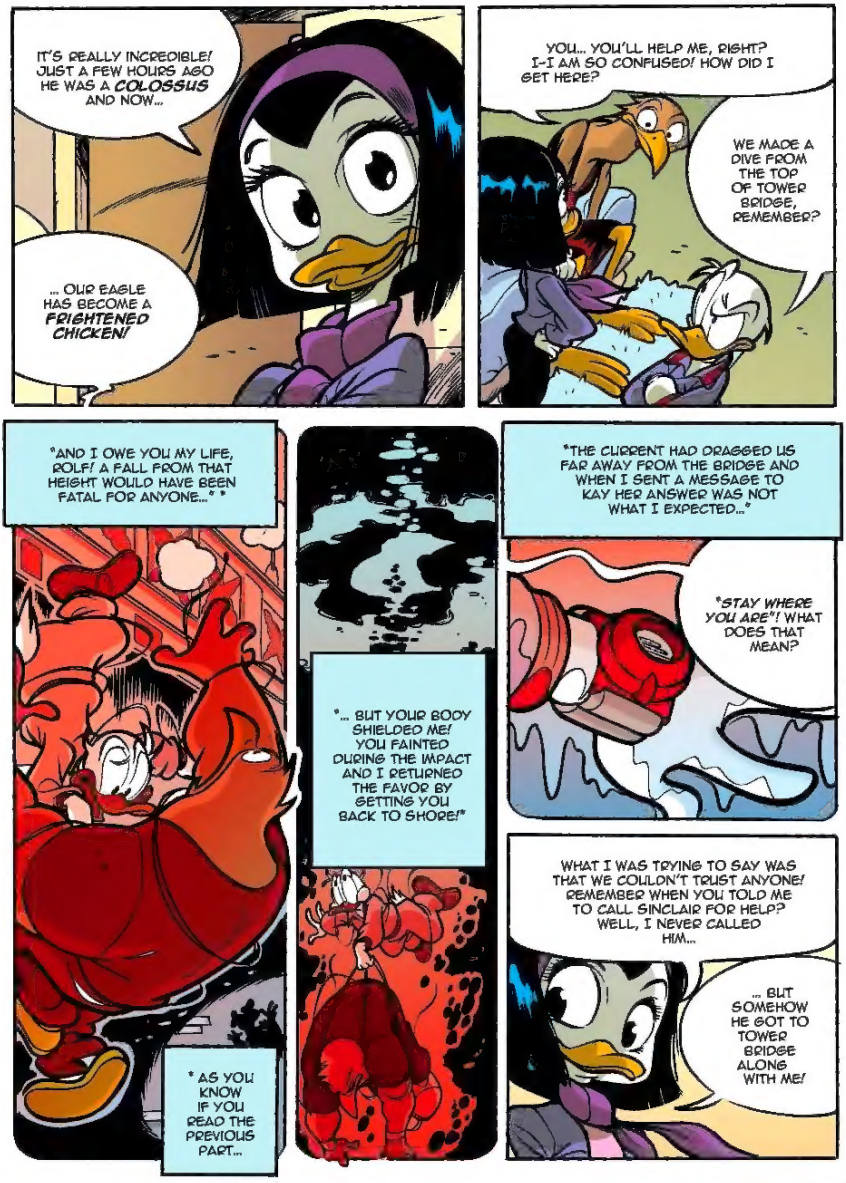
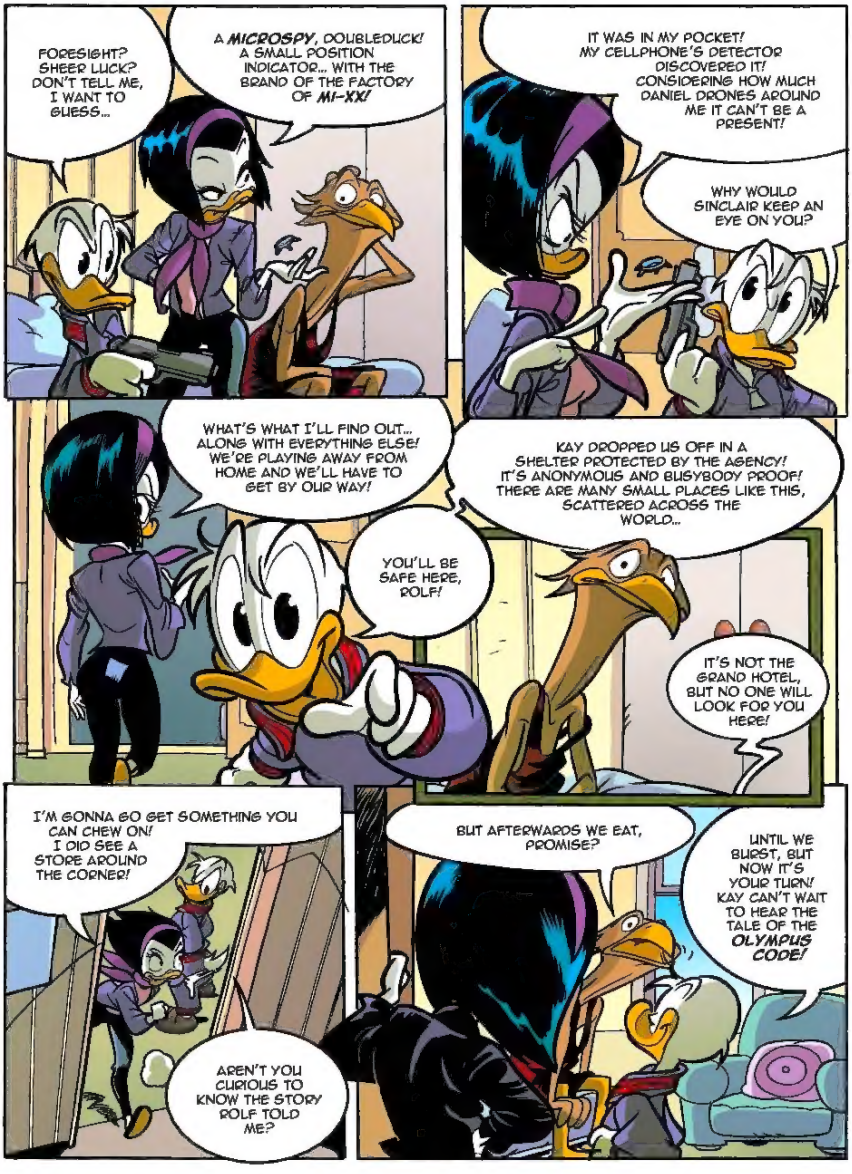
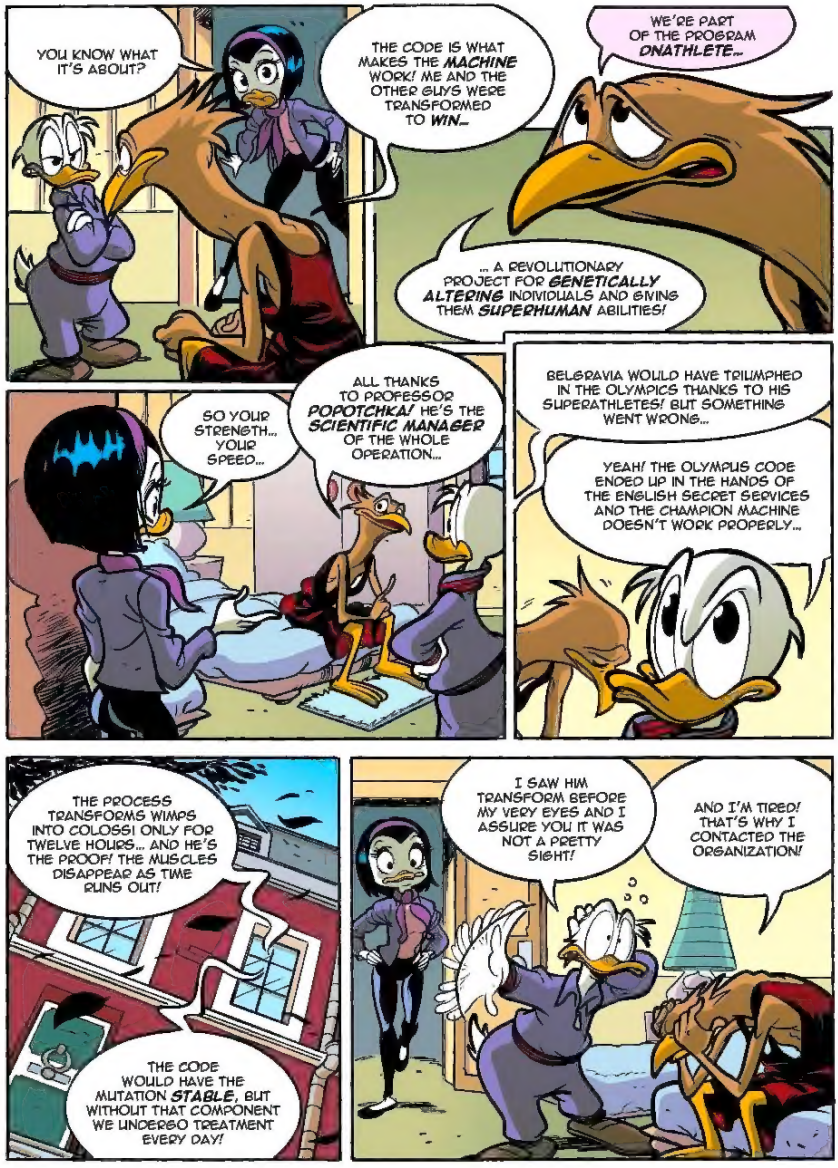
HOW'S OUR GUEST?


IT'S REALLY INCREDIBLE! JUST A FEW HOURS AGO HE WAS A COLOSSUS AND NOW...
... OUR EAGLE HAS BECOME A FRIGHTENED CHICKEN!
YOU... YOU'LL HELP ME, RIGHT? I-I AM SO CONFUSED! HOW DID I GET HERE?
WE MADE A DIVE FROM THE TOP OF TOWER BRIDGE, REMEMBER?
"AND I OWE YOU MY LIFE, ROLF! A FALL FROM THAT HEIGHT WOULD HAVE BEEN FATAL FOR ANYONE..." *
* AS YOU KNOW IF YOU READ THE PREVIOUS PART...
"... BUT YOUR BODY SHIELDED ME! YOU FAINTED DURING THE IMPACT AND I RETURNED THE FAVOR BY GETTING YOU BACK TO SHORE!"
"THE CURRENT HAD DRAGGED US FAR AWAY FROM THE BRIDGE AND WHEN I SENT A MESSAGE TO KAY HER ANSWER WAS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED..."
"STAY WHERE YOU ARE"! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY WAS THAT WE COULDN'T TRUST ANYONE! REMEMBER WHEN YOU TOLD ME TO CALL SINCLAIR FOR HELP? WELL, I NEVER CALLED HIM...
... BUT SOMEHOW HE GOT TO TOWER BRIDGE ALONG WITH ME!


FORESIGHT? SHEER LUCK? DON'T TELL ME, I WANT TO GUESS...
A MICROSPY, DOUBLEDUCK! A SMALL POSITION INDICATOR... WITH THE BRAND OF THE FACTORY OF MI-XX!
IT WAS IN MY POCKET! MY CELLPHONE'S DETECTOR DISCOVERED IT! CONSIDERING HOW MUCH DANIEL DRONES AROUND ME IT CAN'T BE A PRESENT!
WHY WOULD SINCLAIR KEEP AN EYE ON YOU?
WHAT'S WHAT I'LL FIND OUT... ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE! WE'RE PLAYING AWAY FROM HOME AND WE'LL HAVE TO GET BY OUR WAY!
YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE, ROLF!
KAY DROPPED US OFF IN A SHELTER PROTECTED BY THE AGENCY! IT'S ANONYMOUS AND BUSYBODY PROOF! THERE ARE MANY SMALL PLACES LIKE THIS, SCATTERED ACROSS THE WORLD...
IT'S NOT THE GRAND HOTEL, BUT NO ONE WILL LOOK FOR YOU HERE!
I'M GONNA GO GET SOMETHING YOU CAN CHEW ON! I DID SEE A STORE AROUND THE CORNER!
AREN'T YOU CURIOUS TO KNOW THE STORY ROLF TOLD ME?
BUT AFTERWARDS WE EAT, PROMISE?
UNTIL WE BURST, BUT NOW IT'S YOUR TURN! KAY CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR THE TALE OF THE OLYMPUS CODE!


YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S ABOUT?
THE CODE IS WHAT MAKES THE MACHINE WORK! ME AND THE OTHER GUYS WERE TRANSFORMED TO WIN...
WE'RE PART OF THE PROGRAM DNATHLETE...
... A REVOLUTIONARY PROJECT FOR GENETICALLY ALTERING INDIVIDUALS AND GIVING THEM SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES!
SO YOUR STRENGTH... YOUR SPEED...
ALL THANKS TO PROFESSOR POPOTCHKA! HE'S THE SCIENTIFIC MANAGER OF THE WHOLE OPERATION...
BELGRAVIA WOULD HAVE TRIUMPHED IN THE OLYMPICS THANKS TO HIS SUPERATHLETES! BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG...
YEAH! THE OLYMPUS CODE ENDED UP IN THE HANDS OF THE ENGLISH SECRET SERVICES AND THE CHAMPION MACHINE DOESN'T WORK PROPERLY...
THE PROCESS TRANSFORMS WIMPS INTO COLOSSI ONLY FOR TWELVE HOURS... AND HE'S THE PROOF! THE MUSCLES DISAPPEAR AS TIME RUNS OUT!
THE CODE WOULD HAVE THE MUTATION STABLE, BUT WITHOUT THAT COMPONENT WE UNDERGO TREATMENT EVERY DAY!
I SAW HIM TRANSFORM BEFORE MY VERY EYES AND I ASSURE YOU IT WAS NOT A PRETTY SIGHT!
AND I'M TIRED! THAT'S WHY I CONTACTED THE ORGANIZATION!

I REVEALED EVERYTHING TO THEM! I WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID WELL FOR THAT INFORMATION SO I COULD CHANGE MY LIFE... BUT YOU RUINED ALL OF IT!
MAKING DEALS WITH THE ORGANIZATION WASN'T A GOOD IDEA! WE CAN HELP YOU! YOU'LL BE GIVEN PROTECTION AND A WAY OUT, BUT FIRST YOU MUST TELL US THE WHOLE TRUTH!
I'M NOT SURE BELGRAVIA HAS ACTED DUE TO LOVE FOR SPORTS! WHAT LIES BENEATH?
THE TRIUMPH AT THE OLYMPICS WOULD ONLY BE A GENERAL TEST...
... BUT PRESIDENT GRIMKA'S TRUE OBJECTIVE IS SOMETHING ELSE! HE'LL APPLY THE DNATHLETE PROGRAM TO THE MILITARY INDUSTRY TO CREATE INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS!
"MY CODE NAME WAS POSEIDON... A TIRELESS AND RELENTLESS SWIMMER..."
"... THEN THERE WAS HERMES, FAST AS LIGHTNING..."
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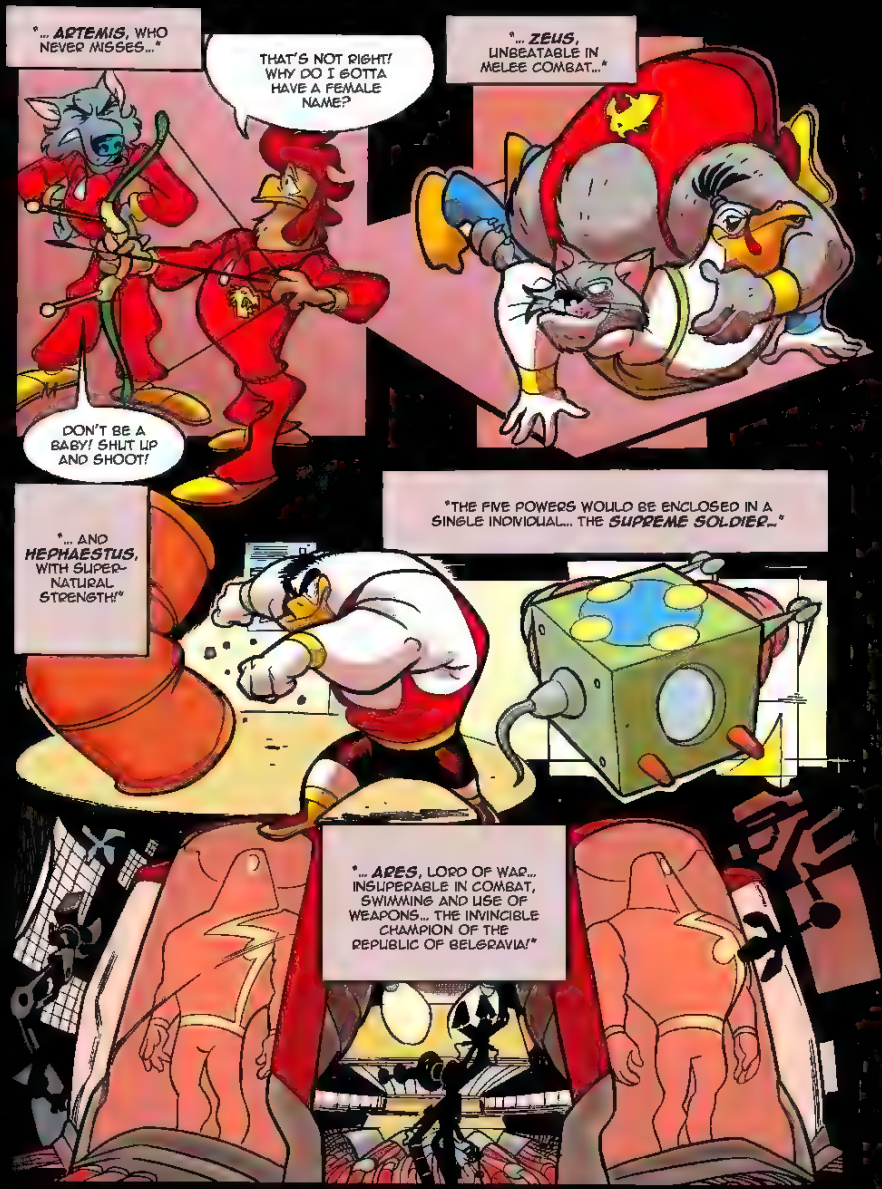
"... ARTEMIS, WHO NEVER MISSES..."
THAT'S NOT RIGHT! WHY DO I GOTTA HAVE A FEMALE NAME?
"... ZEUS, UNBEATABLE IN MELEE COMBAT..."
DON'T BE A BABY! SHUT UP AND SHOOT!
"... AND HEPHAESTUS, WITH SUPER-NATURAL STRENGTH!"
"THE FIVE POWERS WOULD BE ENCLOSED IN A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL... THE SUPREME SOLDIER..."
"... ARES, LORD OF WAR... INSUPERABLE IN COMBAT, SWIMMING AND USE OF WEAPONS... THE INVINCIBLE CHAMPION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELGRAVIA!"

YOU'VE BEEN OF GREAT HELP! NOW WE'LL DEAL WITH IT! JUST GO BACK TO RESTING!
ONE MORE QUESTION, ROLF...
WHAT DO YOU WANT IN YOUR SANDWICHES?
THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE...
WAS THIS MASQUERADE REALLY NECESSARY?
THIS BEARD ITCHES AND MAKES ME SWEAT!
YOU'LL HAVE TO ENDURE IT FOR NOW! SINCLAIR AND THE OTHERS BELIEVE YOU'RE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER AND WE'D BEST KEEP IT THAT WAY!
TUNE YOUR WATCH 2.0 TO EMERGENCY FREQUENCY AND STAY IN THE VICINITY! I'M GOING IN...
COAST IS CLEAR! THE LAST ATHLETE WENT OUT TEN MINUTES AGO!

IF ROLF'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT I SHOULD FIND THE DRESSING ROOMS DOWN HERE...
... BUT WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IS BEHIND LOCKER NUMBER 7...

ROLF'S COMBINATION SHOULDN'T HOLD SURPRISES...
7
BE-BIP
BE BOP BIP
CLUNK
... BUT WHAT I FIND INSIDE IS GONNA AMAZE ME!
HERE IT IS! DOCTOR POPOTCHKA'S SECRET LAB!

OUR BELGRAVIAN FRIENDS HAVE CREATED A SMALL CORNER TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO PLAYING MAD SCIENTIST UNDISTURBED...
A FEW SHOTS WILL MAKE MR. JAY J HAPPY! BOSS IS EASILY SATISFIED...
CLICK
... JUST SAVE THE WORLD AND HE'S ALL HAPPY!
CLICK
HUH?
CLICK
THUD
UNNNGH...

WHERE'D SHE COME FROM?
I'VE SEEN HER BEFORE! ISN'T SHE ONE OF THE CLEANERS AT THE POOL?
OH, I BELIEVE OUR YOUNG FRIEND IS MORE THAN THAT! SHE COULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP HERE BY CHANCE, AM I RIGHT?

THIS IS A RESTRICTED SECTION OF BELGRAVIA'S OLYMPIC RESIDENCE! I HOPE YOU HAVE A CONVINCING EXPLANATION FOR YOUR INTRUSION!
OUCH... I WAS CLEANING THE DRESSING ROOM! THAT'S THE LAST THING I REMEMBER!

DON'T PULL MY LEG! THE PASSWORD, DAMMIT! HOW DID YOU GET THE PASSWORD TO OPEN THE SECRET PASSAGE?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

YOU ARE CORRECT IF YOU BELIEVE I WON'T WRING A FEATHER ON YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL! I LEAVE THAT UP TO HIM!
CRUNK

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! MAYBE IT WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY...
UHNG!
IT'S A RECORDING TAKEN BY THE HIDDEN SECURITY CAMERAS! WE BELGRAVIANS GREATLY KEEP OUR PRIVACY...
RECOGNIZE YOURSELF? IF IT'S NOT YOU THEN IT'S SOMEONE WHO LOOKS A LOT LIKE YOU!
AND LOOK AT THIS... WHILE YOU WERE BUSY SNOOPING, SOMEONE CAME AT YOU FROM BEHIND!
MISS PENNY-MOON!
FROM YOUR EXPRESSION I TAKE IT THIS ISN'T A NEW FACE TO YOU...
CAM

SHE'S ARMED, DOCTOR POPOTCHKA!
YEAH! CLEANING MUST BE A DANGEROUS JOB! EMPTY HER POCKETS AND GIVE ME THAT STRANGE WATCH!
RELAX... YOU'LL GET IT...
TAP
NOW KEEP AN EYE ON HER! BEFORE HEARING WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY I WANT TO TALK TO THE PRESIDENT! THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED INCIDENT...
PARDON THE INTRUSION! I FORGOT MY KEYS... BUT LUCKILY I ALWAYS HAVE A LASER IN HAND!
... WHICH I'M NOT USED TO DEALING WITH!
FSSSS
ULP!
!

DON'T MOVE! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
WHO'S HE? WHY DO ALL THE CLEANERS AT THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE HAVE IT IN FOR US?
WAKE UP, IVAN! HE'S AN ACCOMPLICE OF THAT GIRL! AND DON'T BE AFRAID OF HIM! REMEMBER...
... YOU'RE INDESTRUCTIBLE! GET HIM!
URGH!
KRANC
!
NO ONE'S MINDING ME! BIG MISTAKE...

YOU'RE MANY AGAINST ONE! THAT'S NOT SPORTIVE ON YOUR PART, YOU KNOW?
YES... BUT WE LIKE PLAYING DIRTY!
IF SO... BRING IT ON!
GET HIM!
PESKY FLY... AVOID THIS IF YOU CAN!
KRAK
KRONC
OW!
URGH!
!
WE'LL BE TAKING OUR LEAVE, GENTLEMEN! YOU'RE BIG AND STRONG, BUT NOT BULLETPROOF AND PURSUING US WOULD BE A MISTAKE!

AFTER YOU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO REPEAT IT!
HE HE! WE DID IT! THOSE GUYS QUICKLY REALIZED WHO'S BOSS!
YES, DO! THEY REALIZED PERFECTLY! LET'S SPLIT UP!
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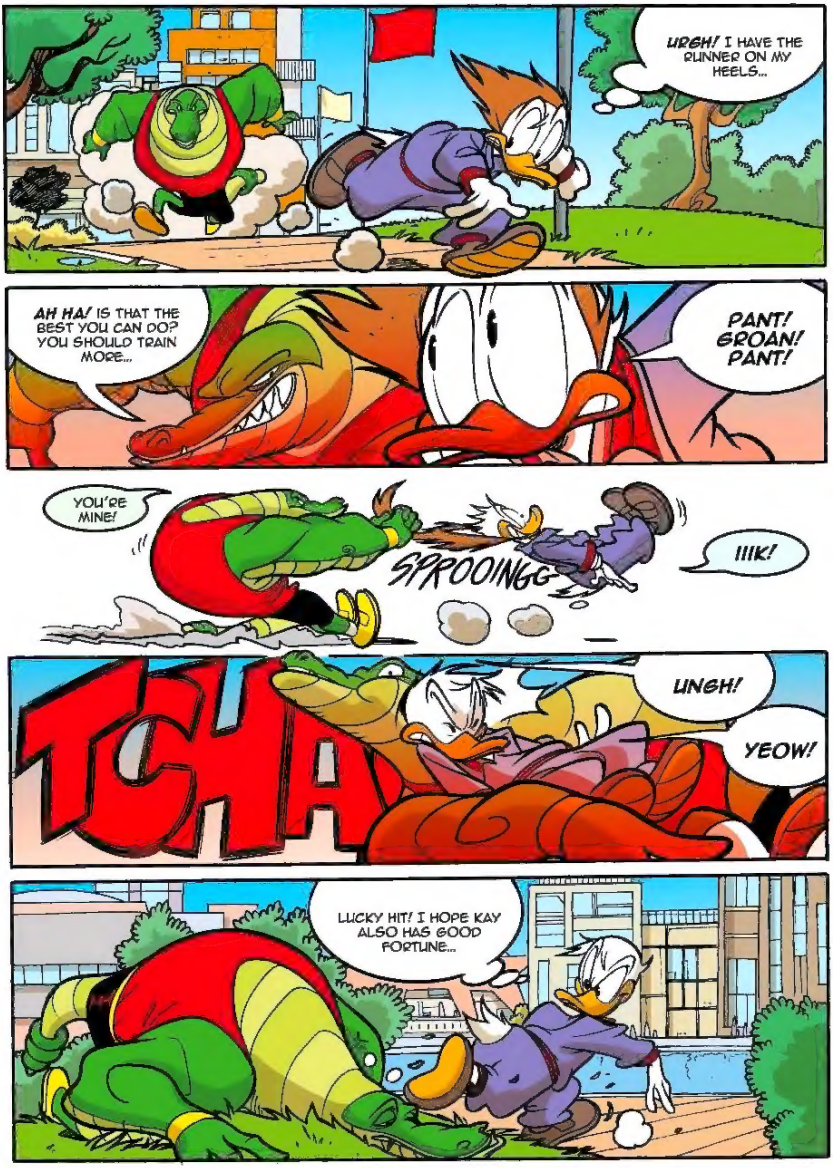
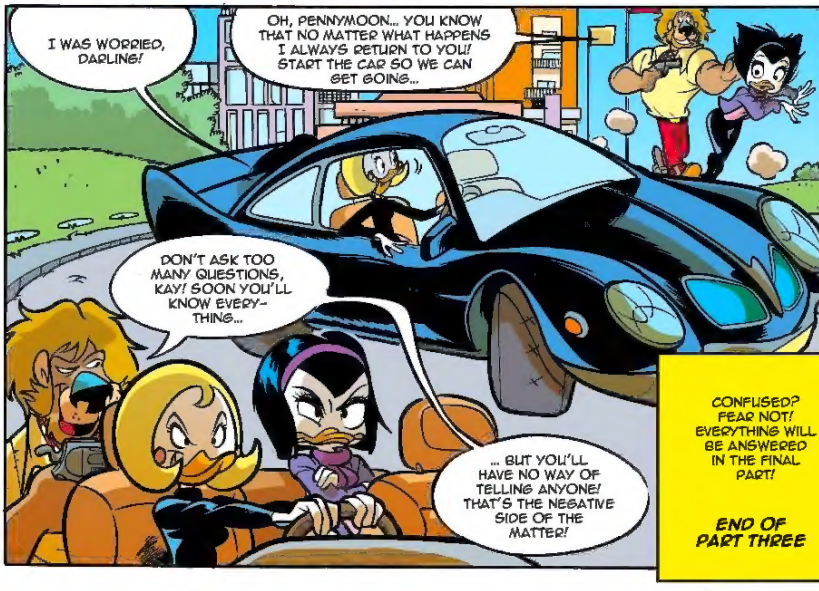
TAKE THIS! I'LL SEE YOU AT THE CAR!


URGH! I HAVE THE RUNNER ON MY HEELS...
AH HA! IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO? YOU SHOULD TRAIN MORE...
PANT! GROAN! PANT!
YOU'RE MINE!
SPROOINGG
IIIK!
TCHA
UNGH!
YEOW!
LUCKY HIT! I HOPE KAY ALSO HAS GOOD FORTUNE...

STAYING IN THE BUILDING WAS A BAD IDEA! IF THERE'D AN EMERGENCY EXIT IT'S HIDING REALLY WELL!
THIS IS THE LAST FLOOR! YOU'RE AT THE END OF THE LINE...
YOU CAN TRY SPROUTING A PAIR OF WINGS AND FLYING OUT THE WINDOW... OR TURN BACK AND SURRENDER!
LOOK WHO IT IS...
ULP!
SHHH!
AHA! WERE YOU HOPING TO ESCAPE ME?
THAT WAS MORE OR LESS THE INTENTION, BUT WE WON'T LEAVE YOU EMPTY HANDED! HERE'S AN ANTIGRAVITATIONAL DISC... IT'S ALL FOR YOU!

CONSIDER IT A GIFT FROM MI-XX! INDISPENSABLE FOR LIGHTENING HEAVY SITUATIONS...
AND WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
FROM THE FIRE ESCAPE! I WAS SCOURING THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE AND ONLY HAD TO FOLLOW THE NOISE TO FIND YOU!
THERE'S ALSO DOUBLEDUCK! HE COULD BE IN TROUBLE!
DOUBLEDUCK? THAT'S WHAT I CALL A COUP DE THÉÂTRE! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM...
... BUT FIRST I HAVE TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY! YOU SHOULD HAVE EXITED THE SCENE IN THAT SECRET LAB, BUT THERE'S A REMEDY FOR EVERYTHING!
AH!
I'M SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, KAY... BUT THINGS HAVE GONE TOO FAR!

DO YOU WORK FOR BELGRAVIA?
IN THE KINGDOM OF FREE ENTERPRISE, WHO COULD EVER BLAME ME FOR THIS?
YOU'RE DISGUSTING, FLIRTING WITH ME TO TRICK ME!
ARE YOU INSULTING ME? AN ENGLISH SECRET AGENT IS LOYAL TO HIS HOMELAND! I WORK FOR MYSELF...
I'M SORRY I LET YOU DOWN... BUT MY HEART BEATS FOR ONLY ONE PERSON!


I WAS WORRIED, DARLING!
OH, PENNYMOON... YOU KNOW THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS I ALWAYS RETURN TO YOU! START THE CAR SO WE CAN GET GOING...
DON'T ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS, KAY! SOON YOU'LL KNOW EVERY-THING...
... BUT YOU'LL HAVE NO WAY OF TELLING ANYONE! THAT'S THE NEGATIVE SIDE OF THE MATTER!
CONFUSED? FEAR NOT! EVERYTHING WILL BE ANSWERED IN THE FINAL PART!
END OF PART THREE